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SAME, AND IMAGE FORMED OBJECT PRODUCED BY TRANSFER OF
SAID THERMAL TRANSFER SHEET

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith an English translation of the International Preliminary
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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant DAI NIPPON PRINTING CO., LTD.		

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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
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See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☒ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	3-5, 7-9	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 6, 10, 11	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-11	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: JP 2002-79797 A (Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd.) 19 March 2002, Claim 1; paragraph 0049, paragraph 0067; Fig. 1 & EP 1168110 A & US 2002015897 A & AU 200154017 A</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2003-53898 A (Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd.) 26 February 2003, Claim 1, Claim 4, Claim 9, paragraph 0039; Fig. 1</p> <p>Document 3: JP 8-118826 A (Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd.) 14 May 1996, Claim 1; paragraph 0037; Fig. 1</p> <p>Document 4: JP 10-116031 A (Toppan Printing Co., Ltd.) 06 May 1998, paragraph 0015; Fig. 1</p> <p>The inventions of claims 1, 2, 6 and 11 are described in document 1 (claim 1; paragraphs 0049 and 0067) cited in the ISR; therefore they do not appear to possess novelty or to involve an inventive step.</p> <p>The inventions of claims 1, 2, 6, 10 and 11 are described in document 2 (claims 1, 4 and 9; paragraph 0039; Fig. 1) cited in the ISR; therefore they do not appear to possess novelty or to involve an inventive step.</p> <p>The inventions of claims 3-5 and 7-9 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1 and 2 and document 3 (claim 1; paragraph 0037; Fig. 1) cited in the ISR and document 4 (paragraph 0015; Fig. 1) cited in the ISR. As a method for manufacturing a hologram layer of document 1 and a light diffraction structured layer of document 2, using a thermal transfer sheet of a hologram layer described in documents 3 and 4 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.</p>			

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The definition of "an inter-transfer medium" in claims 2-5 and 7-10 is not clear.

The definition of "a pattern state" in claim 6 is not clear.

In claim 10, there is a description of "having a function to absorb ultraviolet rays", but it is not sufficiently supported by the specification.